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BURGLAR-PROOF. New York's Metropolitan Museum of Art. A London paper stated recently that the famous paintings in the galleries of the Metropolitan museum of art were connected by burglar alarms with the Park police station, so that when a little bell tinkles there a policeman approaches the inspector with the remark: 'Please, sir, there's some one after the Rembrandt, or 'A man's a-tryin' to collar the Van Dyck, and the thief is caught.'

TWO CAT STORIES. Puss Seems to Have an Intelligence Rarely Imputed to Her. A well-known lady in this city, says the Daily Kennebec Journal, a short time ago, was the possessor of a beautiful coon cat. The cat suffered with the flea pest, and her owner was obliged to chloroform her. Now what is singular about the case is this: A couple of days before the cat was killed the lady was talking to it and saying it must die, and that she would go down and get some chloroform. Who can say how much pussy understood of the threatened execution, or was it the tone of voice that caused it to take alarm and flee for its life? Be this as it may, the cat had for some time been lying around apparently helpless and remained lying in the position it had so long occupied until its mistress returned with the drug. As she passed through the room where the cat was, she made some more remarks as to the coming execution. She soon returned, and what was her surprise to see this helpless cat arise and deliberately walk toward the door, and when it was opened to go out and leave the premises. Neither did it return to its home until some one discovered it and brought it back the next day.

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BREVITIES OF FUN. "Our baby seems to have a natural taste for the piano." "Indeed!" "Yes; he's gawled half the polish off one leg."—Motherhood. "Who is that man who keeps saying it is always the unexpected that happens?" "I'm not sure. Probably an attaché of the weather bureau."—Washington Star. "It's too important a question for me to decide now." He—"Then will you give me your answer in a week?" She—"Good gracious! I couldn't wait that long!"—Town Topics. "See those two German girls? What lovely hair they have. Now, that's what I call real golden hair." He—"Nonsense. Can't you see it's plaited?"—Philadelphia Press. "Oh, yes, I suppose I'm a disagreeable thing. No doubt you are sorry you ever saw me?" Mr. Mann—"I won't go so far as that. I only wish when I did see you I had taken a better look at you."—Boston Transcript. "The colonel is out there with a horsewhip, waiting for you." Typesetter—"What for?" Editor—"Why, instead of 'the colonel is a battle-scarred veteran,' you made it 'a battle scared veteran.'"—Philadelphia Record. "That article of yours in the Comet is awfully long. Nobody will ever read it through." Benedict—"It wasn't written to be read." Conrad—"What was it written for, then?" Benedict—"For ten dollars a column."—Boston Transcript. "And what did papa say when you asked him for me?" He—"Consented at once." She—"Glorious!" He—"Oh, I don't know; he might at least have given me an opportunity to tell him that I'd marry you even though we had to elope."—Ohio State Journal.

BABY WOULD PAY. The Practical Joker Did a Graceful Act of Charity. Charles Smith, of New York, is a practical joker in a quiet way. One hot day last August he was coming downtown in a Third Avenue elevated train. At Houston street, a pale, thin woman, carrying a little, emaciated baby, seated herself beside him. The skeleton-like fingers of the child attracted Mr. Smith's attention. "Going to Coney Island?" said he to the mother. "Oh, no; to Battery park," was the reply. "Madam, allow me to suggest that you take your baby to Coney Island by water and stay on the boat for two or three trips. The sea air will do it good."

HELD UP BY A BEAR. Young Man Kept Bruin at Bay by Screaming and Pounding. The story is being told in Malone, according to the New York Sun, that a young man of the name of Truesdell was cornered a few nights ago by a bear. Truesdell is about 17 years of age, and was walking the tracks of the Adirondack division of the New York Central near Malone. Just above Owl's Head he was confronted by a big bear. The young man was unarmed, except for a double-edged ax which he carried over his shoulder. He was so frightened, it is said, that all he could do was to scream and pound the rail with his ax. When he would stop pounding and screaming the bear would advance, and when he began again Bruin would stop and contemplate the strange actions of the frightened youngster. At last Truesdell's screams were heard, and when the bear saw the lights carried by the rescuing party approach it ran away to the woods.

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